GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CONNECTIVITY WITH CITIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the cities connected with air services in the country during the last one year;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to connect some more cities with air service; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Cities connected with air service from January, 2004 onward were Agartala & Patna by Jet Airways, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Srinagar & Vizag by Sahara Airlines and Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Agra, Bhavnagar, Bhopal, Delhi, Dehradun, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kolhapur, Kolkata, Surat, Vadodara, Vizag, Bagdogra, jabalpur, Jammu, Lucknow & Nasik by Air Deccan.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Alliance Air has plans to procure 6 ATR aircraft on lease and opeate to Gwalior, Jabalpur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Dehradun, Dharamshala, Shimla, Kanpur, Ludhiana, Vijayawada, Salem, Tuticorin, Rajamundhry, Kandla, Keshod, Nasik, Surat, Cooch Behar etc.

However, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-Eastern region. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.